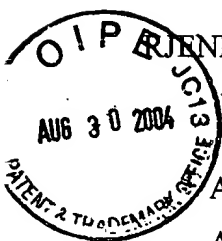


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In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks for consideration with the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

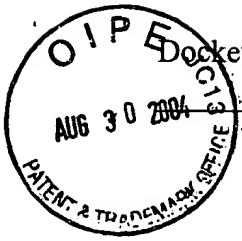
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- (X) Amendment in 9 pages.
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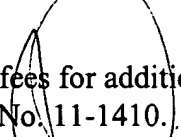
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